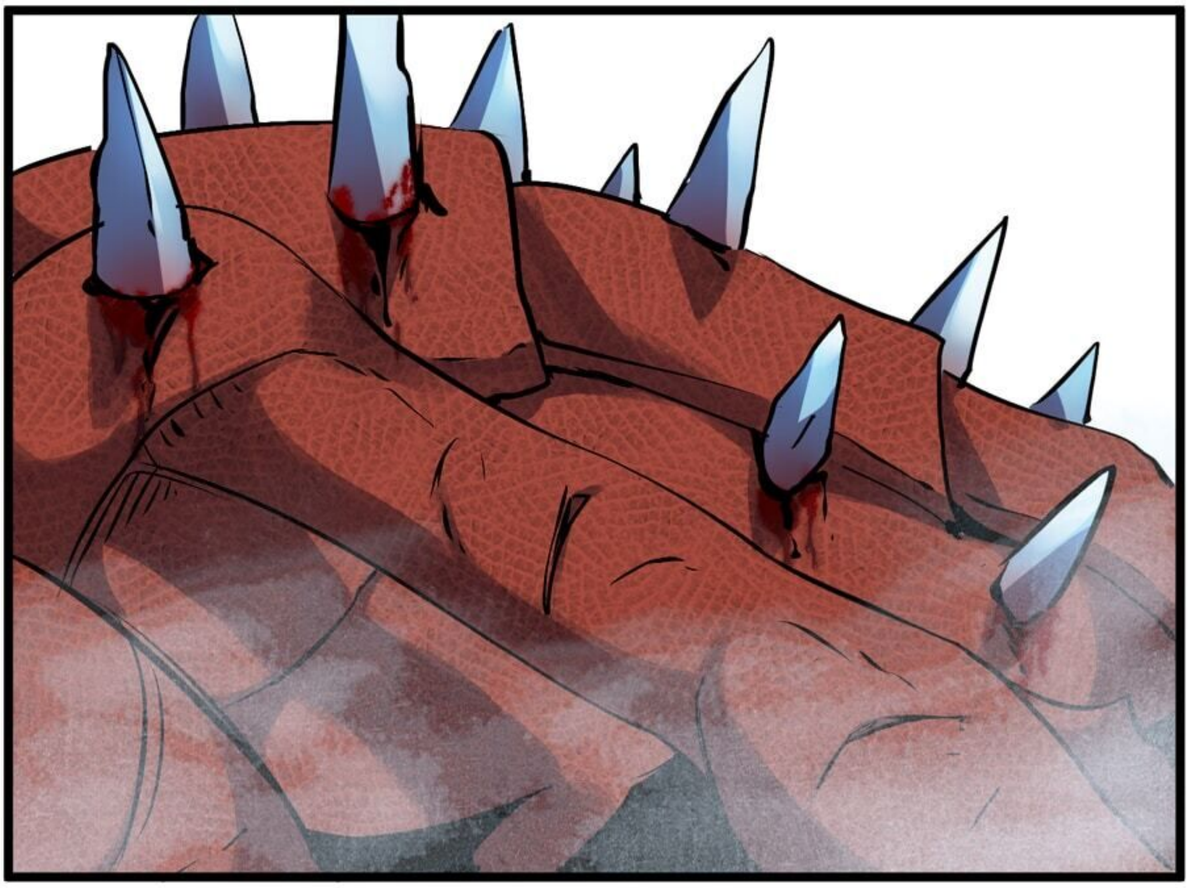
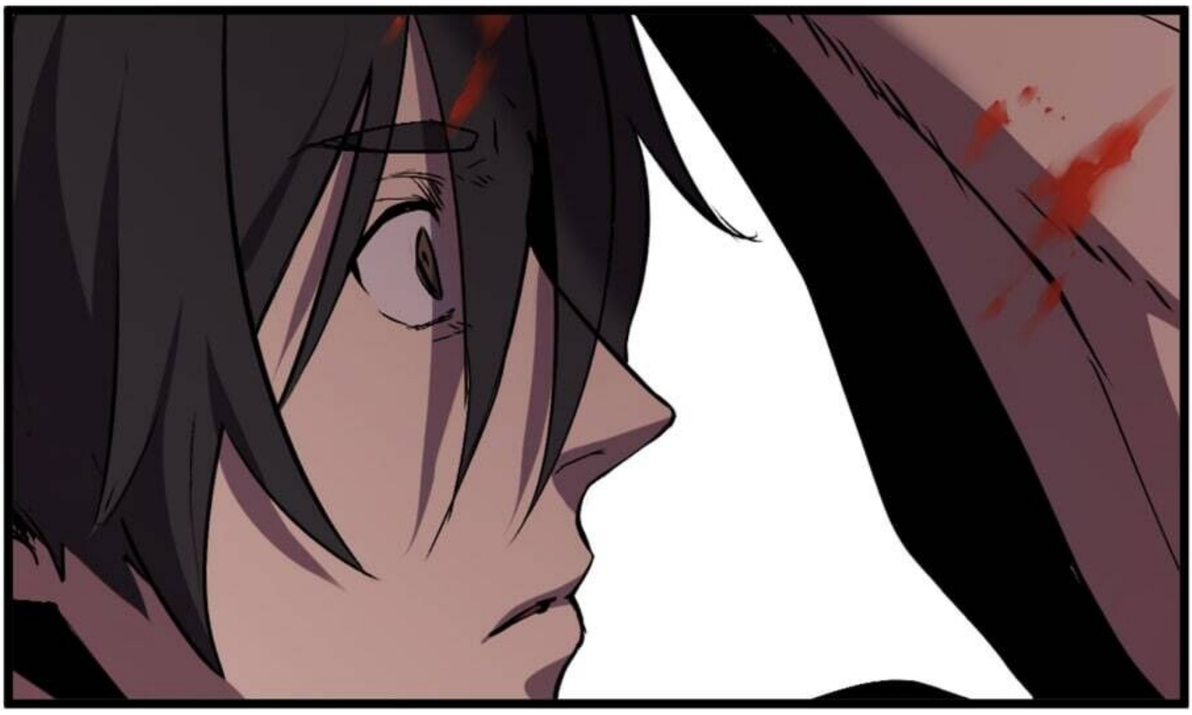
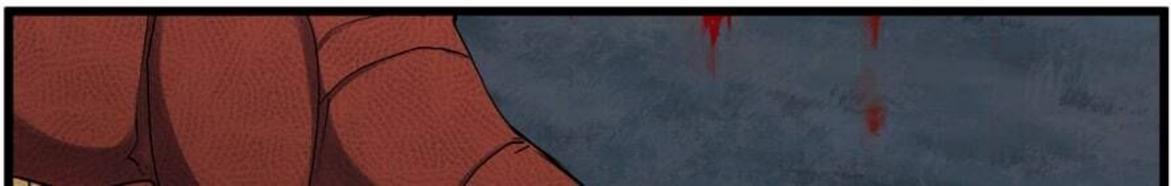
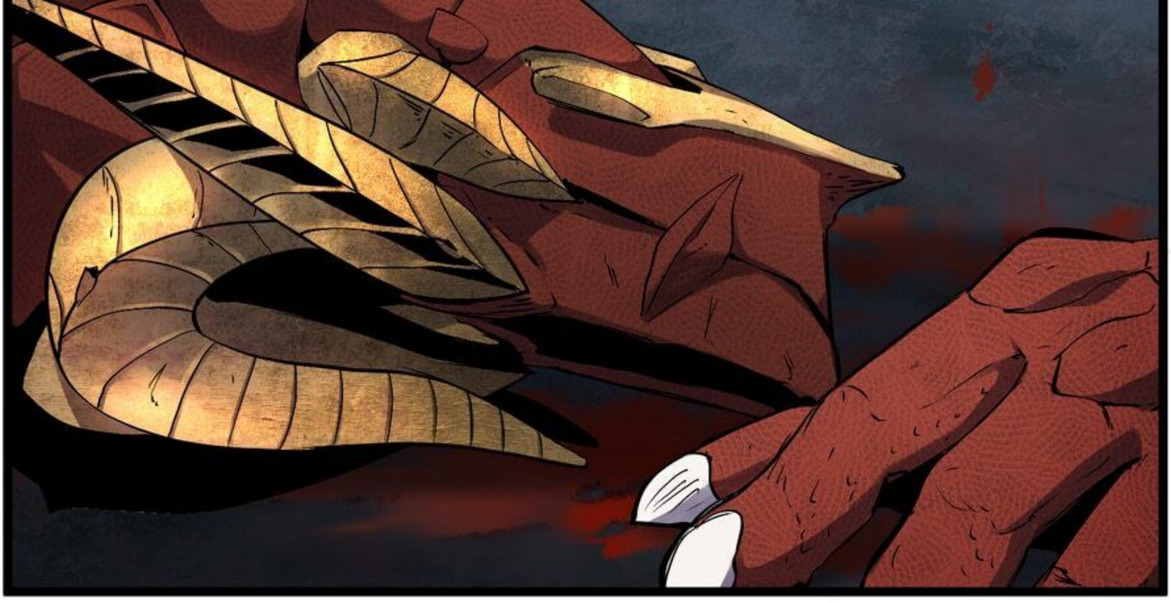


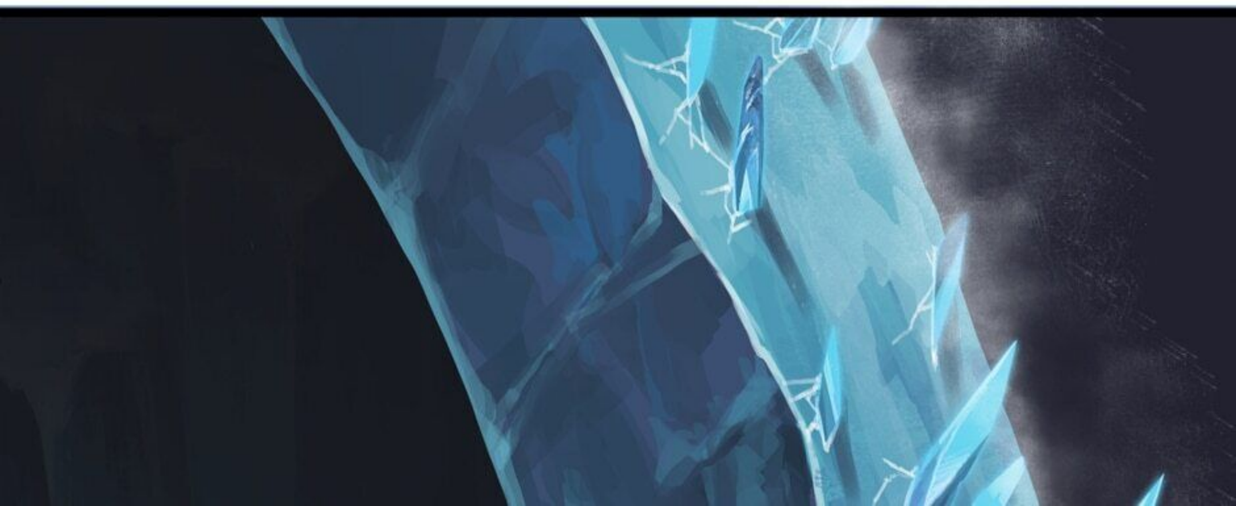


I WANTED TO
LIVE LIKE A HUMAN.





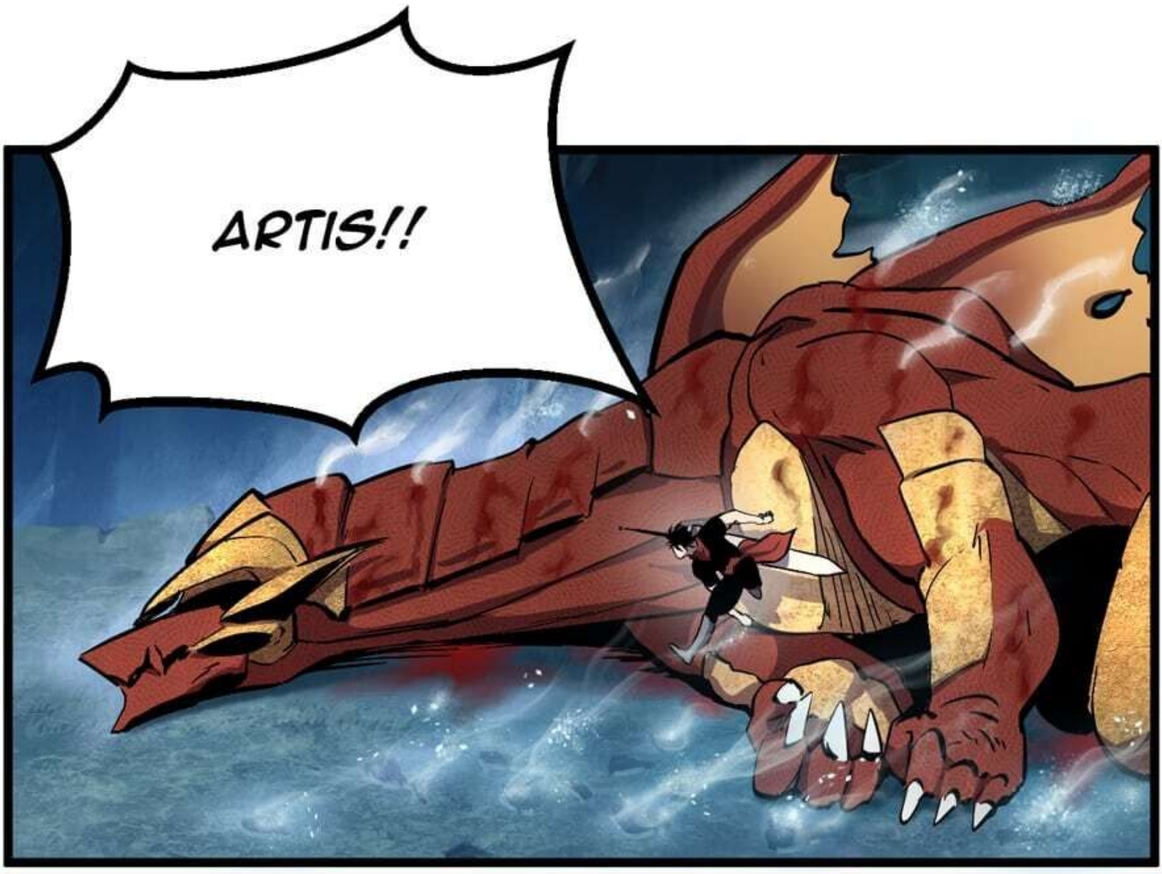
THAT'S ALL I WANTED.



DOM

HOW RIDICULOUS...

IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY ANYMORE.


ARTIS!!

ARTIS!
ARE YOU OKAY?

LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE IN ONE
PIECE, ERIC...

I SHOULD BE THE ONE SAYING THAT!

DON'T WORRY... DRAGONS ARE TOUGH.

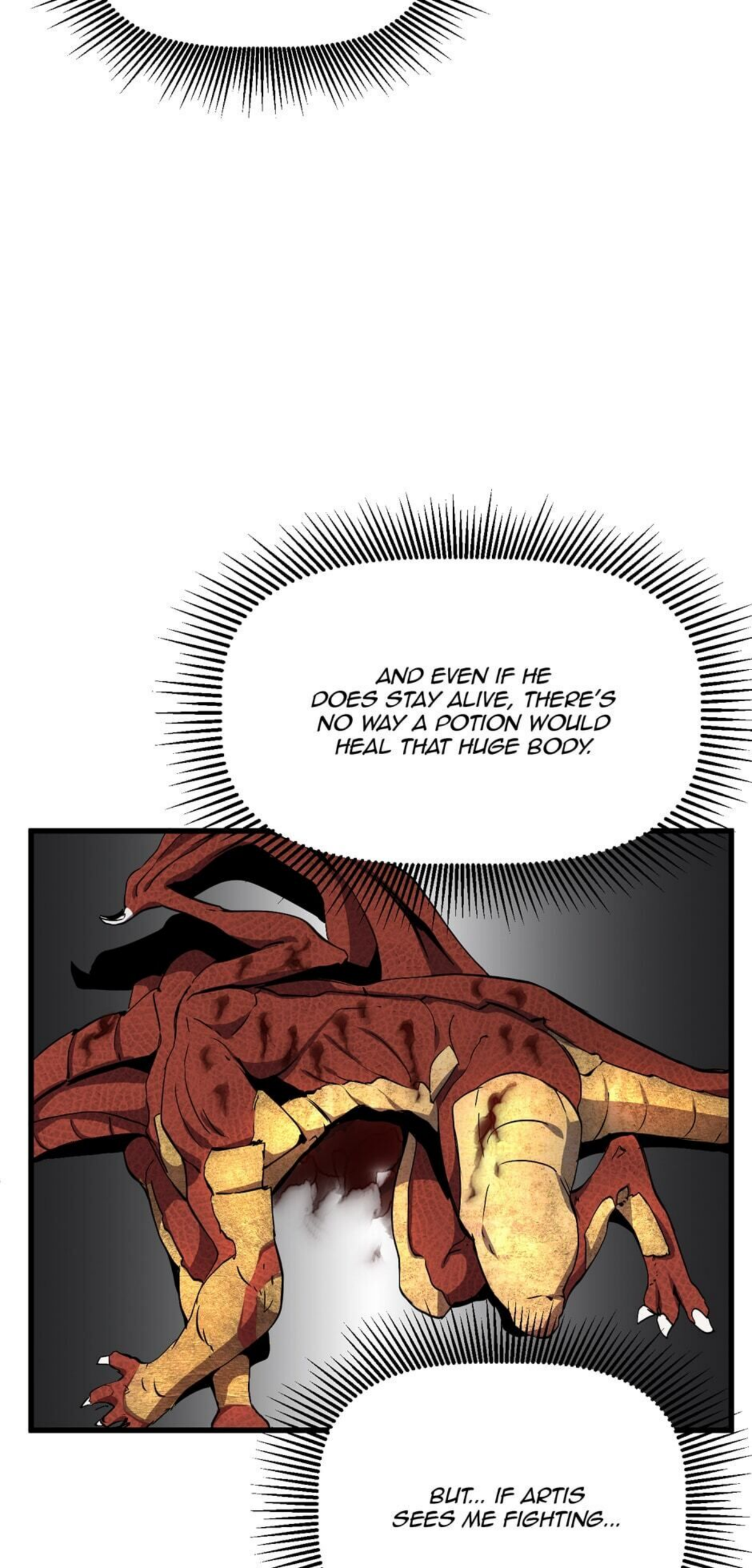
TOUGH, MY ASS...!

HOW MUCH MORE CAN ARTIS HANDLE?
THE ICE IN HIS WOUNDS IS MELTING,

BUT THE BLEEDING WON'T STOP.

IF I WAIT FOR ARTIS TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS BEFORE DEFEATING THE LICH...

WILL ARTIS BE ABLE TO STAY ALIVE?


AND EVEN IF HE DOES STAY ALIVE, THERE'S NO WAY A POTION WOULD HEAL THAT HUGE BODY.
BUT... IF ARTIS SEES ME FIGHTING...

DON'T MAKE THAT FACE, ERIC.

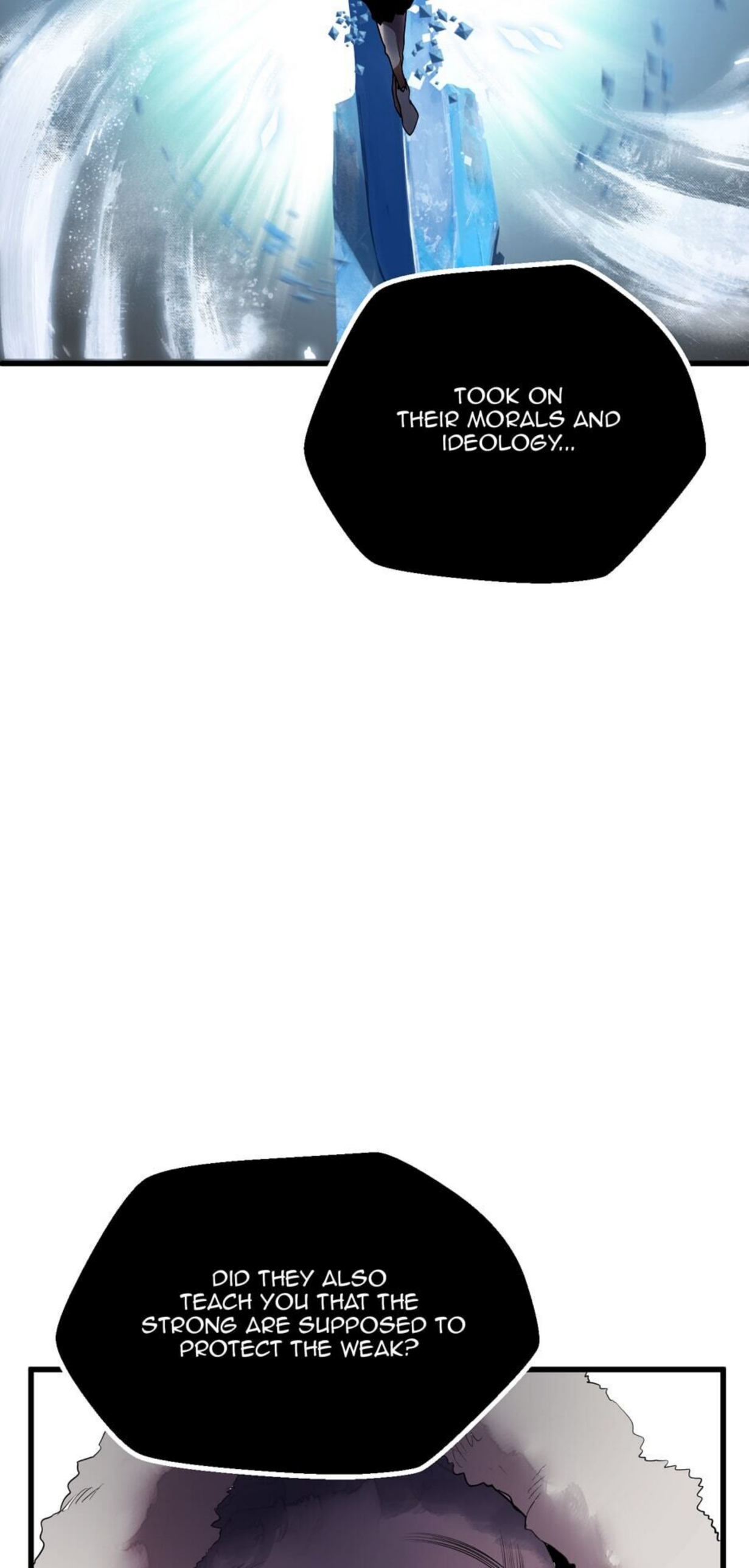
BECAUSE I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING...
IF ONLY I WAS A LITTLE STRONGER...

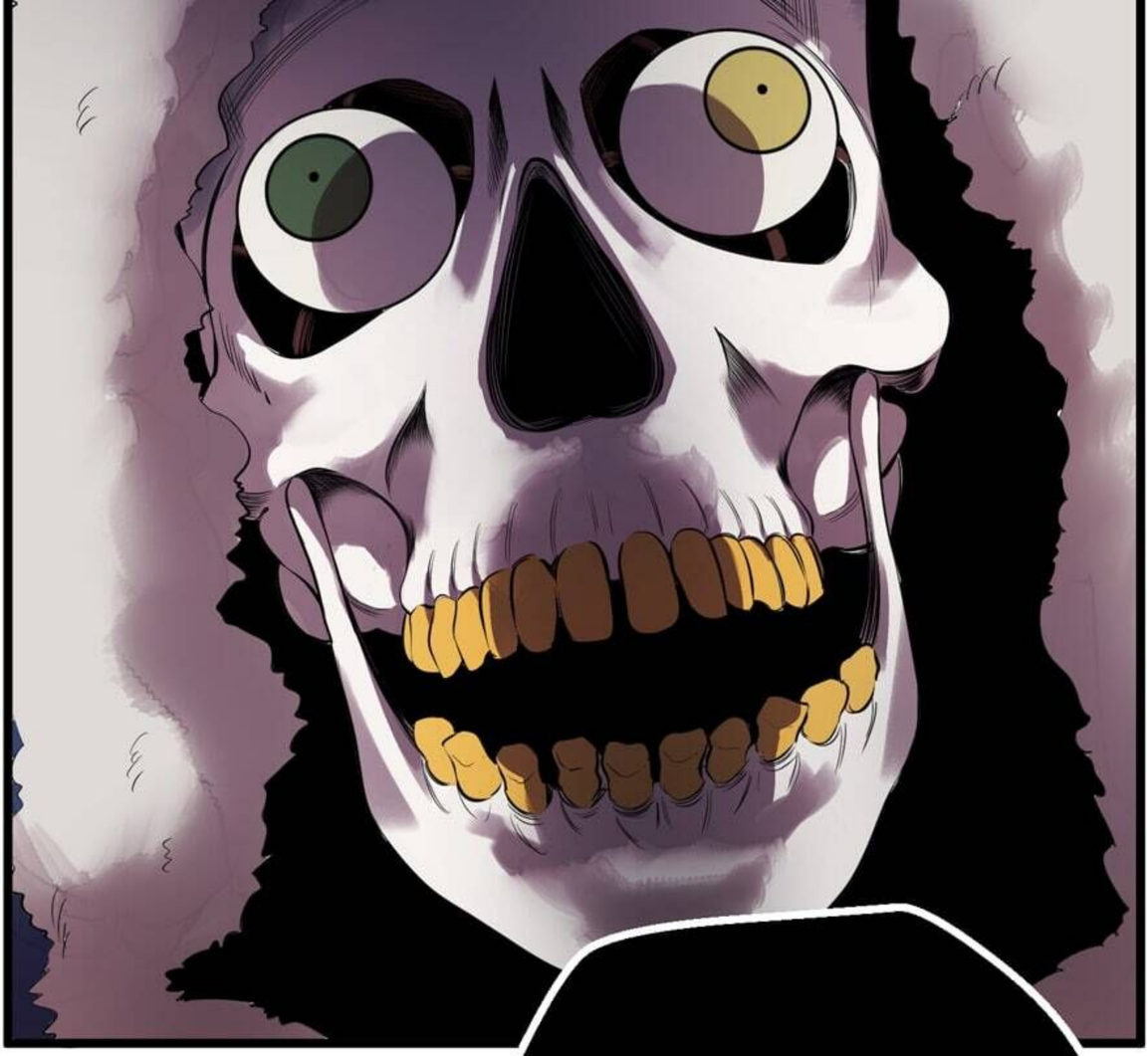
I PROMISED THAT I WOULD PROTECT YOU, BUT...
I'M SORRY, ERIC.

PROMISED...?
YOU DID ALL THIS BECAUSE OF THAT PROMISE?

Fwoosh

SO A YOUNG DRAGON RAISED BY HUMANS


TOOK ON THEIR MORALS AND IDEOLOGY...
DID THEY ALSO TEACH YOU THAT THE STRONG ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THE WEAK?



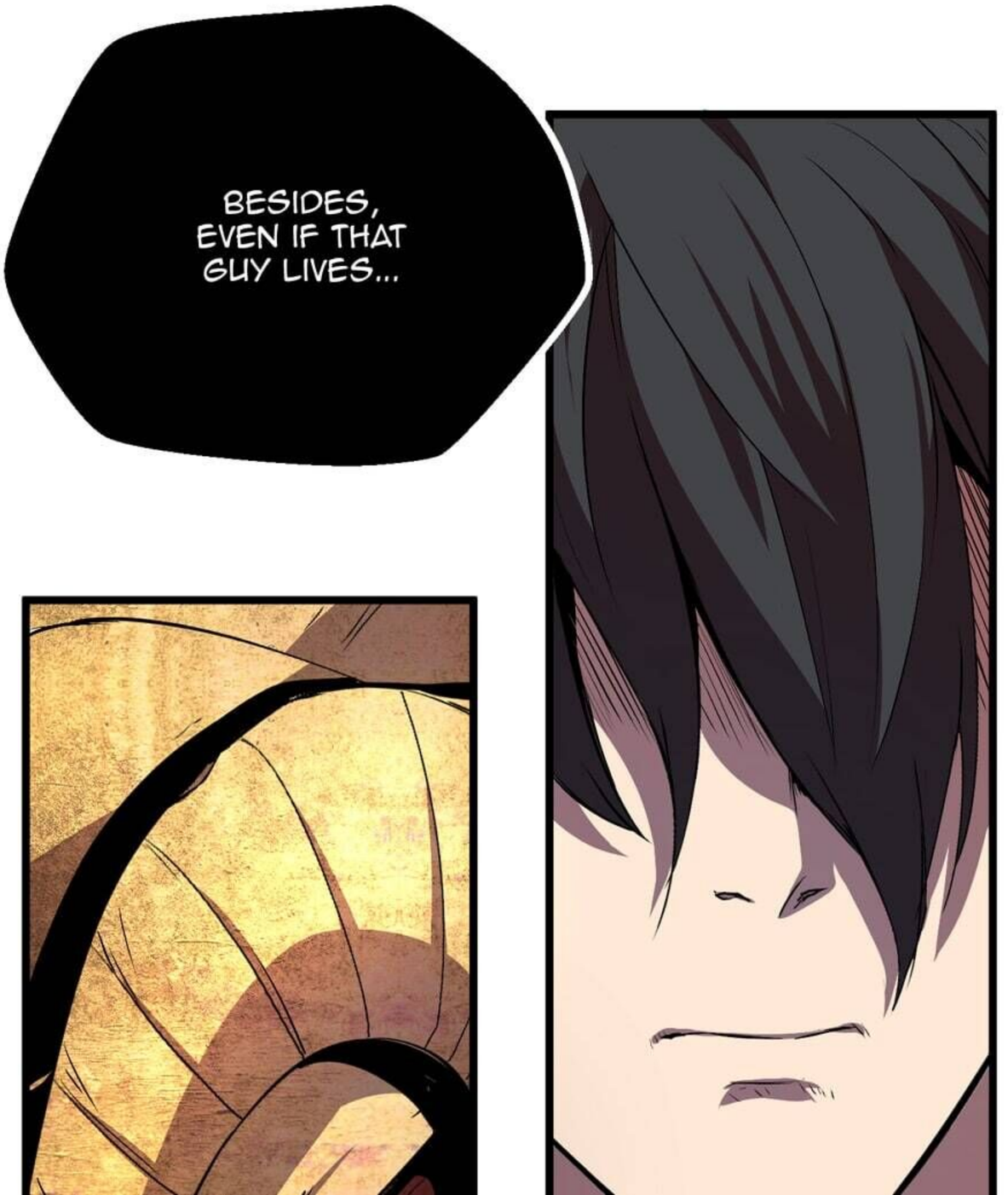
DO YOU THINK THAT'S *COOL* OR SOMETHING?

ALL OF THOSE IDEAS ARE NOTHING BUT ILLUSIONS CREATED BY *WEAKLINGS!*

THEY SPREAD THOSE LIES IN ORDER TO GET POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THEM!

ICE

GIANT'S
SWORD
OF
JUDGEMENT

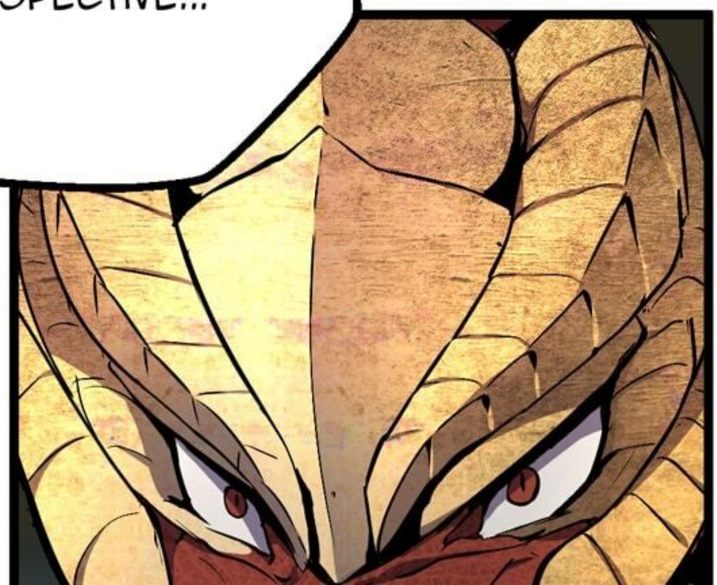

BESIDES, EVEN IF THAT GUY LIVES...

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THAT HE WON'T REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY!
SO JUST KILL THAT HUMAN NOW!

IF YOU DO, THEN I WILL ACCEPT YOU AS A COMRADE, DRAGON!

THAT'S RIGHT...

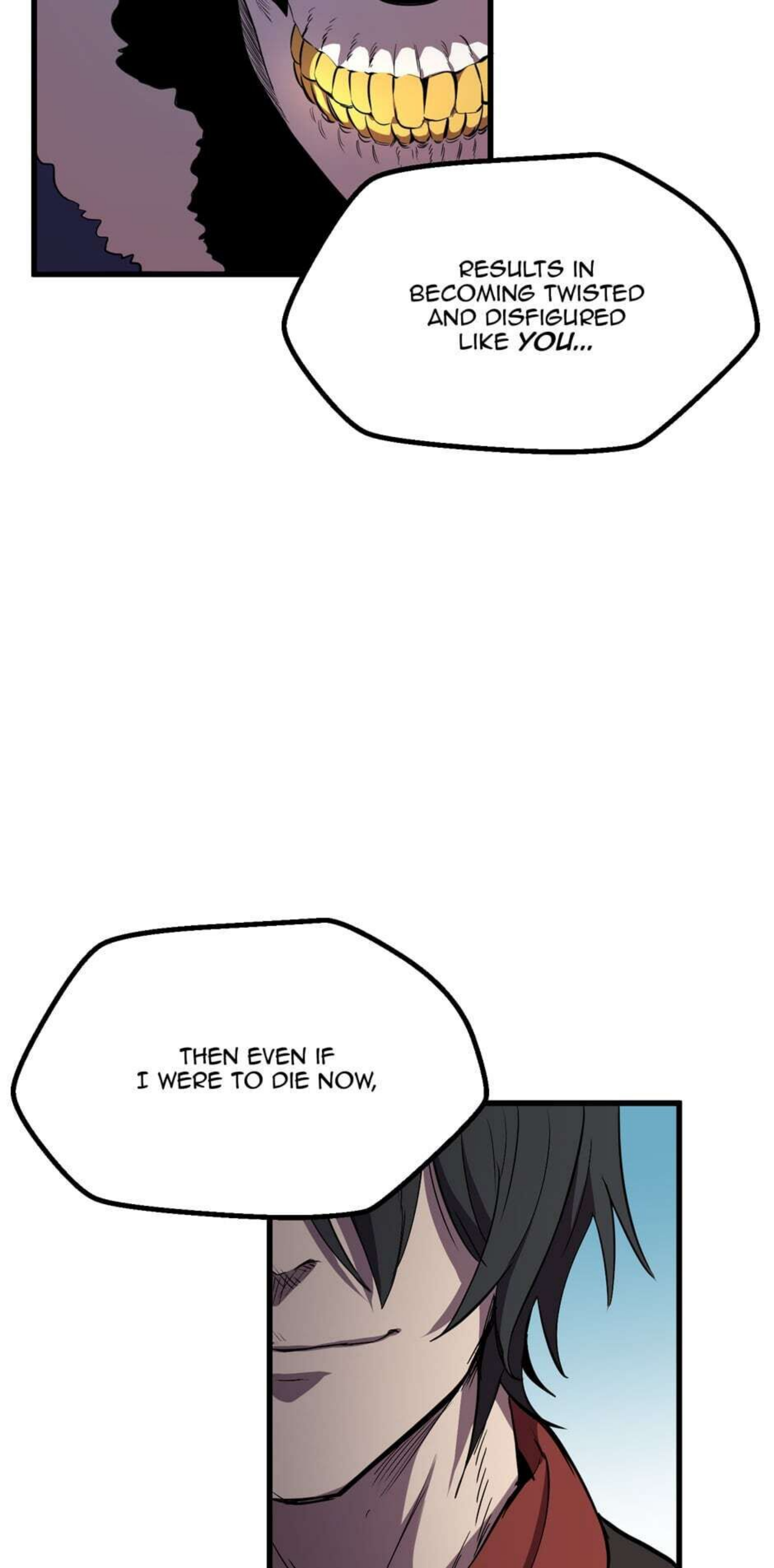
FROM A HUMAN'S PERSPECTIVE...



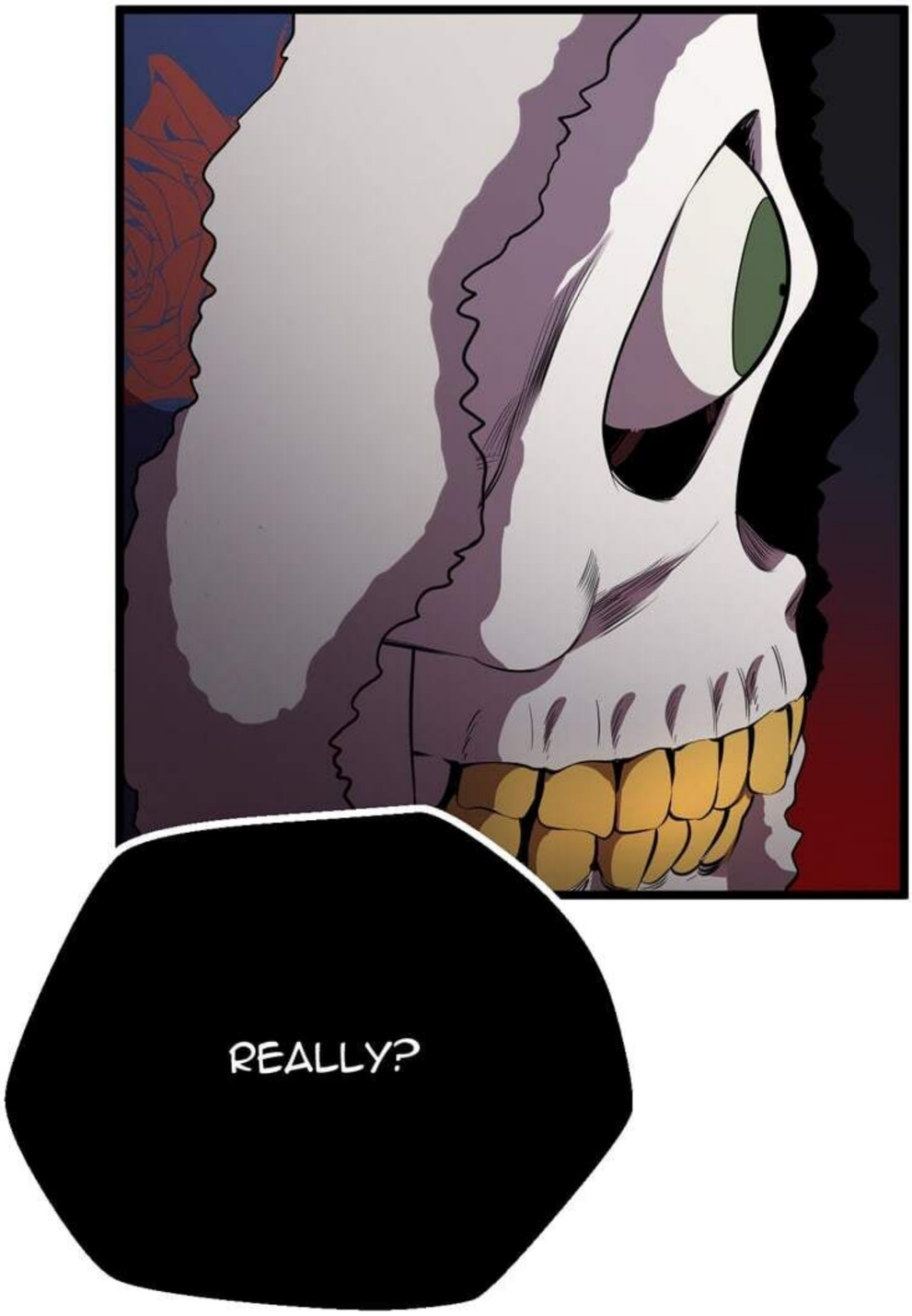
WE'RE
BOTH MONSTERS.

BUT

IF GIVING UP
ON TRYING TO LIVE
LIKE A HUMAN


RESULTS IN BECOMING TWISTED AND DISFIGURED LIKE YOU...
THEN EVEN IF I WERE TO DIE NOW,

I'D STILL
RATHER DO THAT
LIKE A HUMAN, TOO.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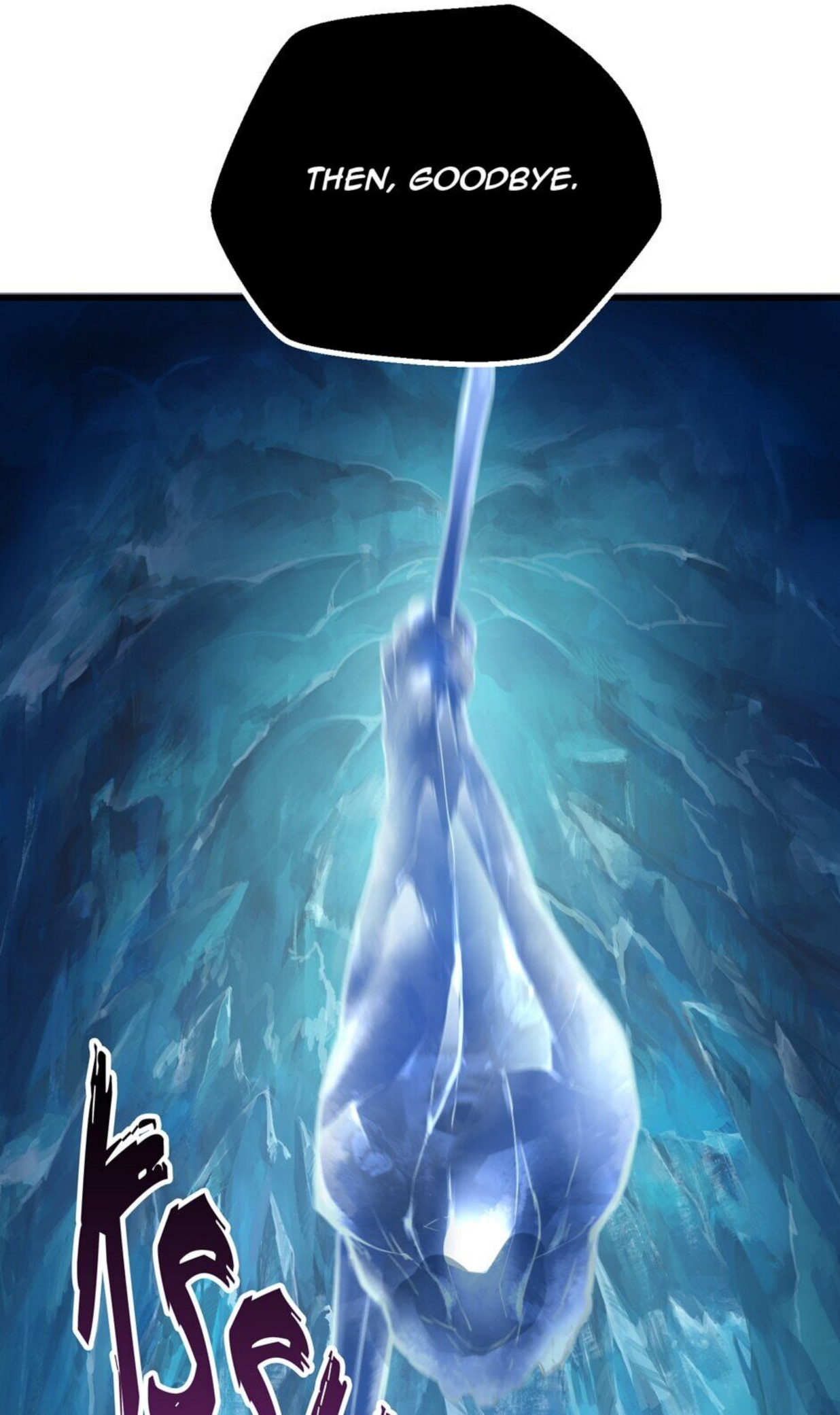
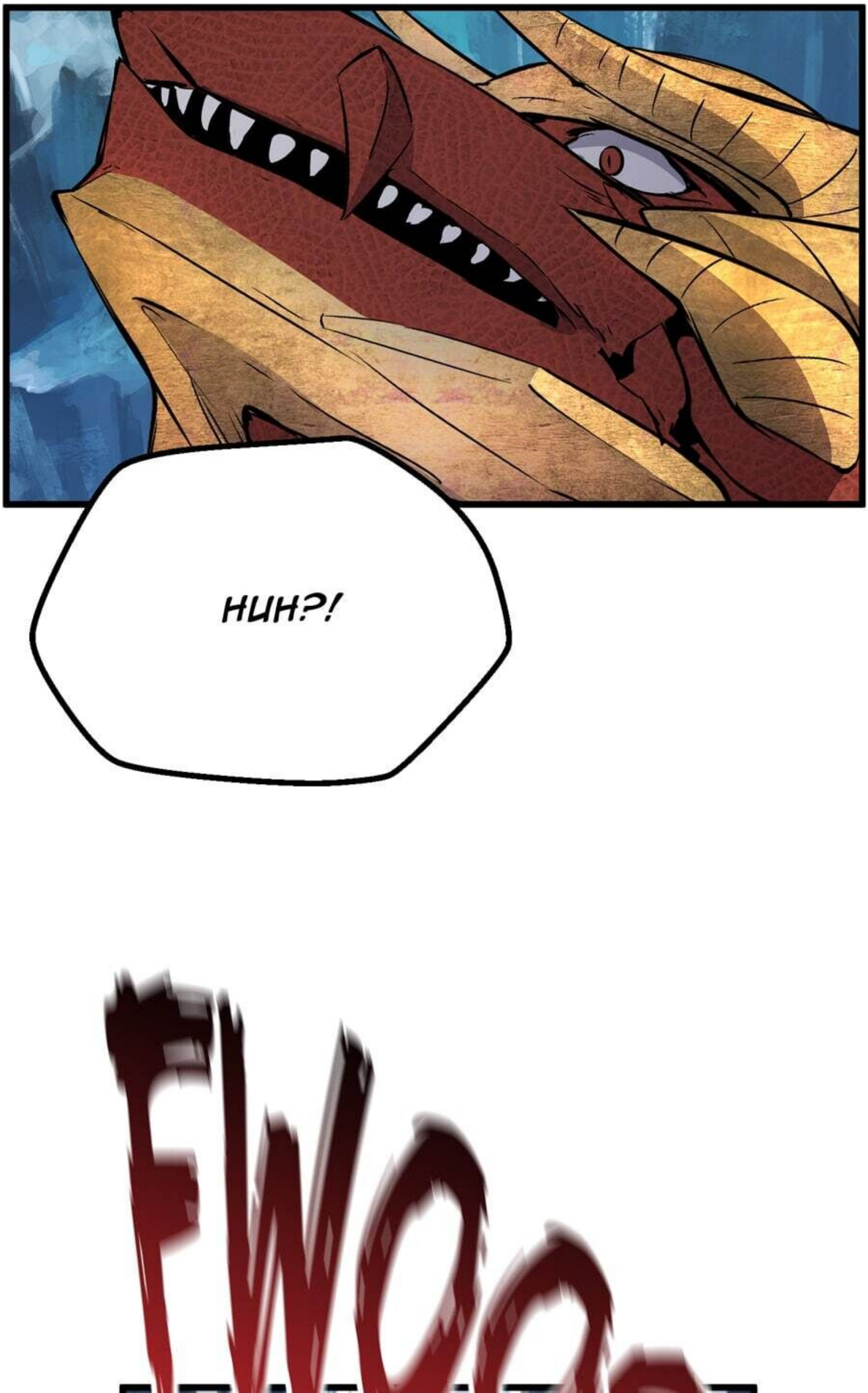

THEN, GOODBYE.

SHHHHK

HAHA... ARTIS, YOU REALLY LIKE TO MAKE THINGS HARD ON YOURSELF.
DOING ALL THIS OVER THAT LITTLE PROMISE.

IT'S NOT EASY TO LIVE LIKE A HUMAN.
BUT KEEPING YOUR WORD IS PART OF IT.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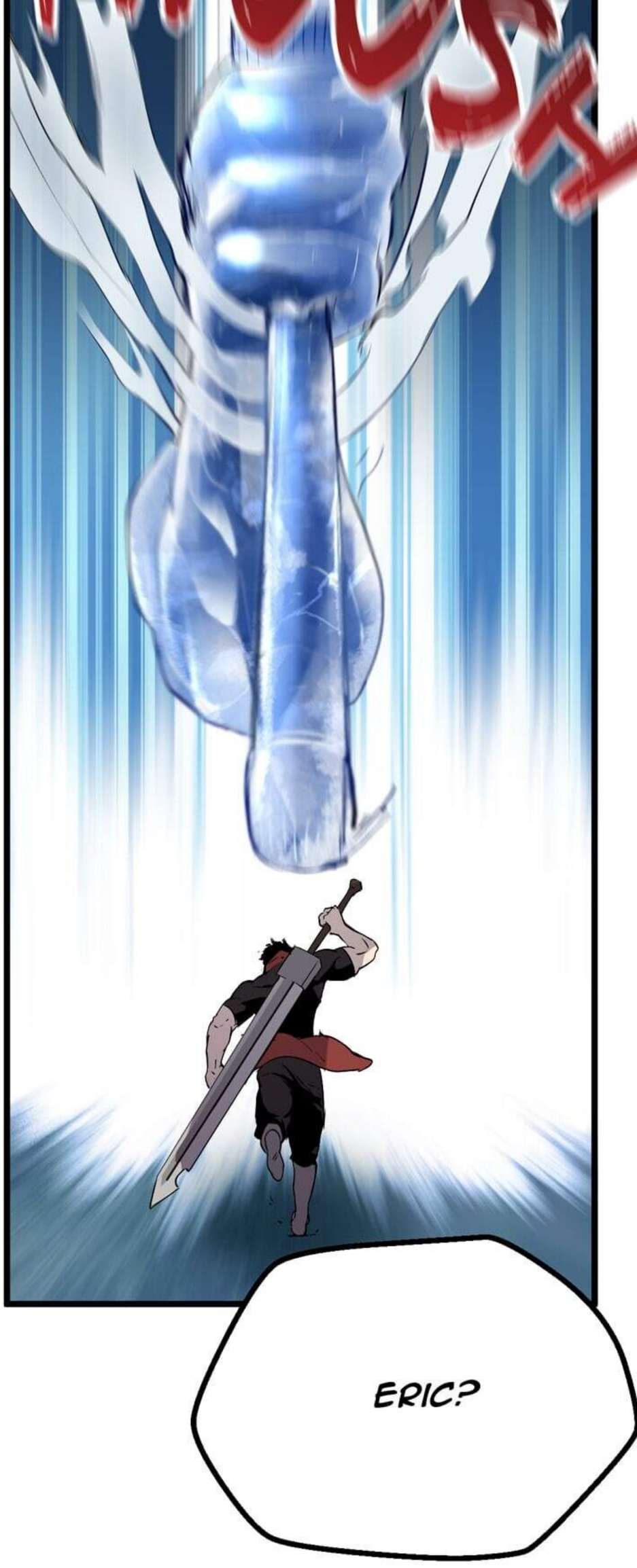
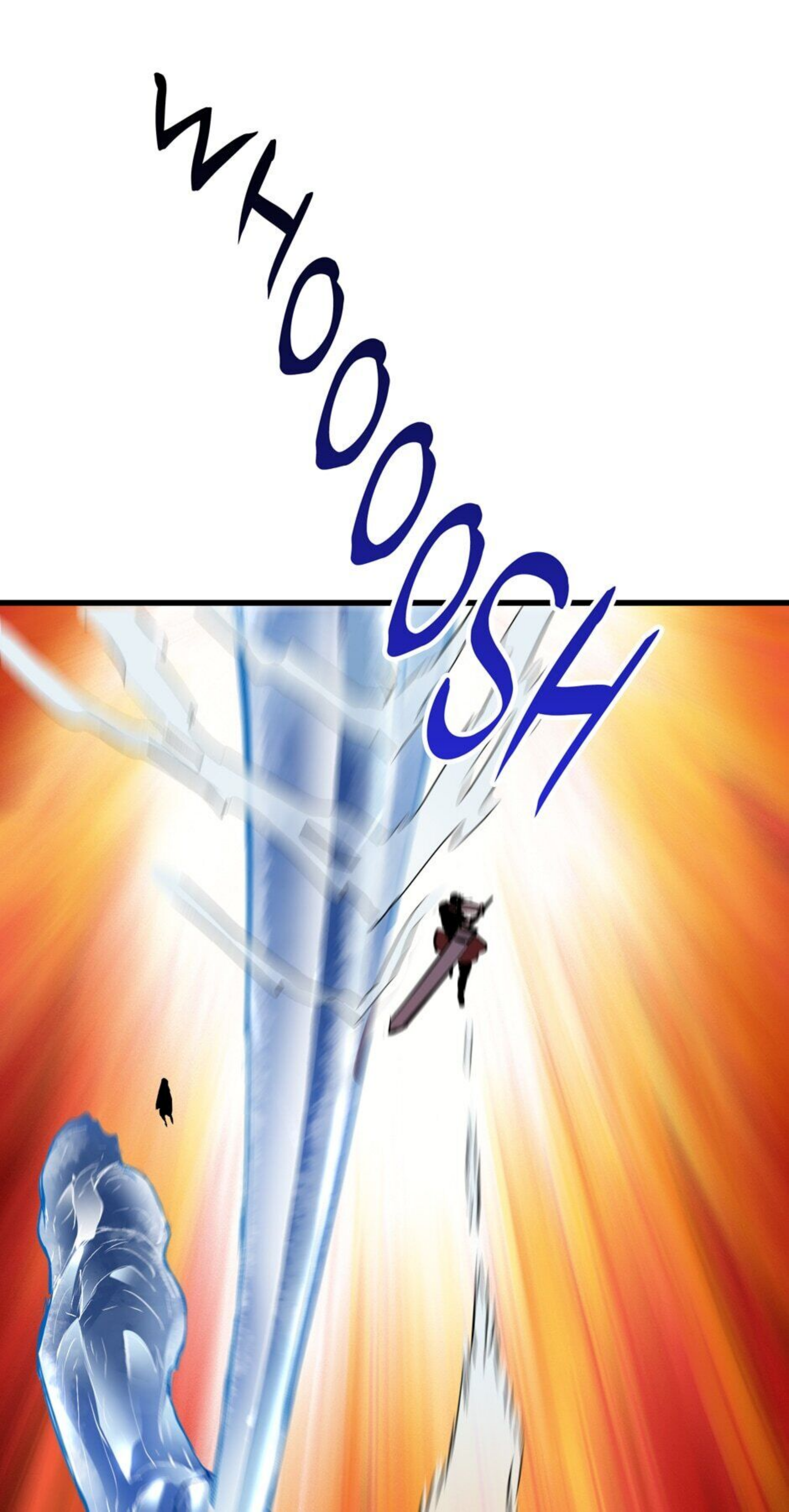
FWeee


ERIC?

ERIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
CRACK

CRAC
I WANT TO

LIVE LIKE A HUMAN TOO.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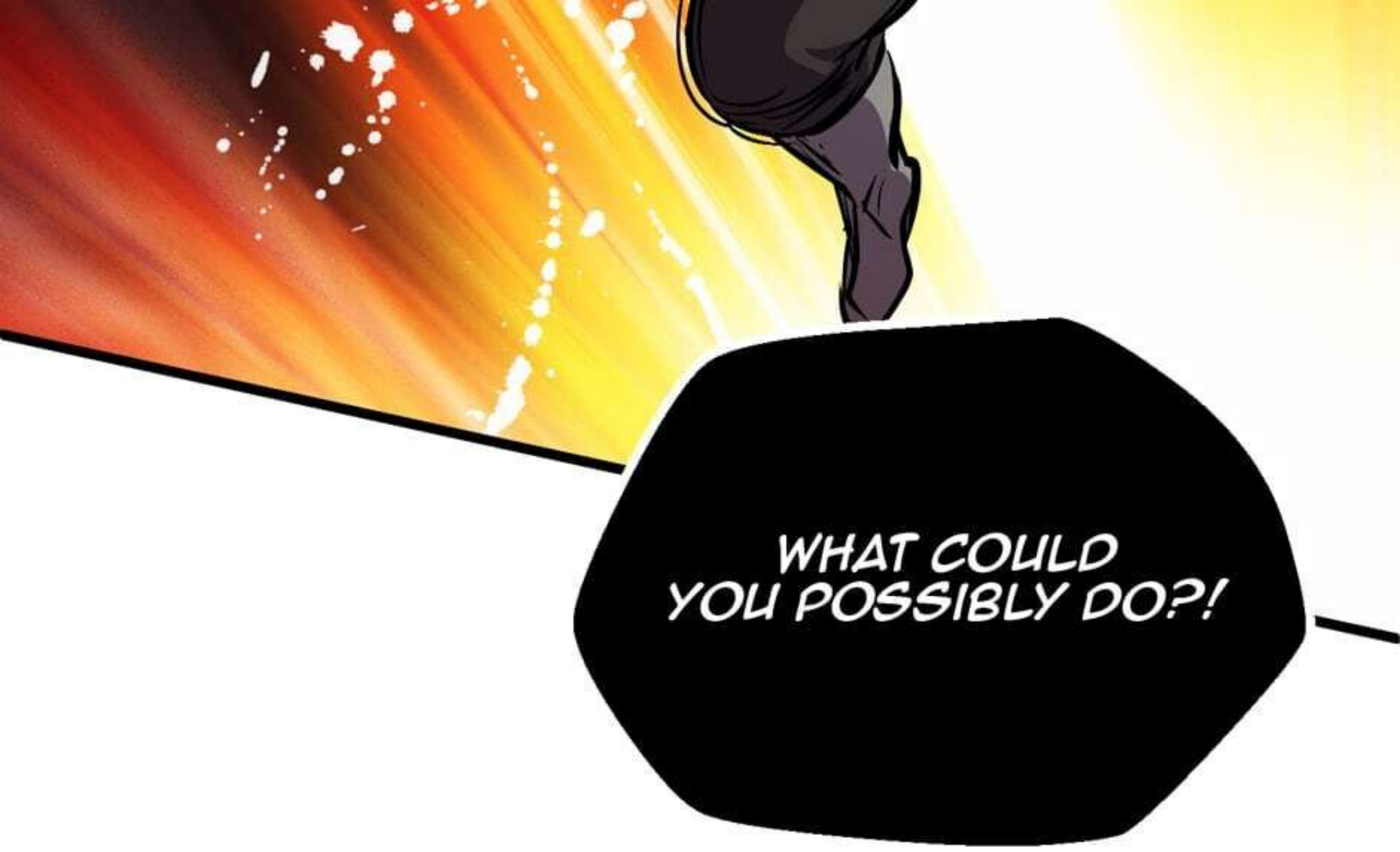
H-HE... *FLEW?*

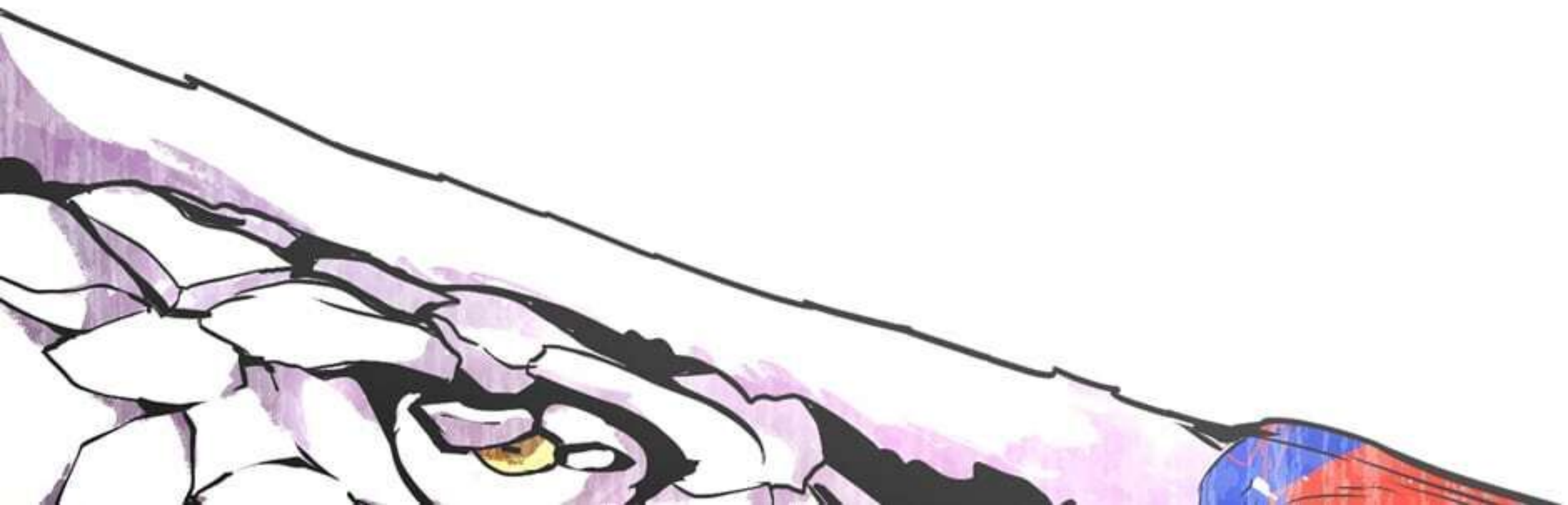
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TRICK YOU USED TO JUMP THIS HIGH,
BUT ALL YOU'VE DONE IS PUT YOURSELF CLOSER TO DEATH!

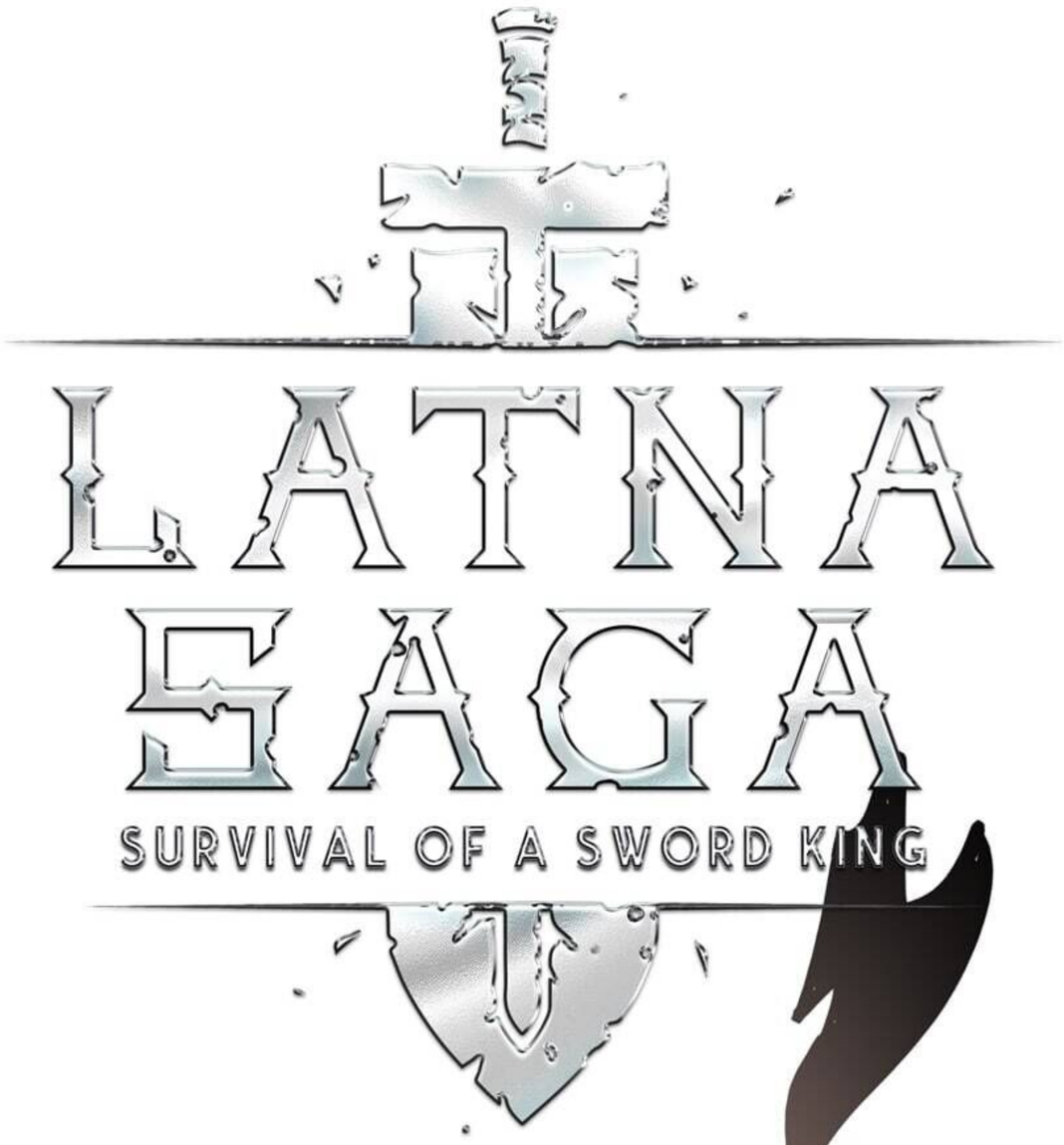
YOU LEVEL 5!!


WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY DO?!

HORIZONTAL SLASH.

WHAT?





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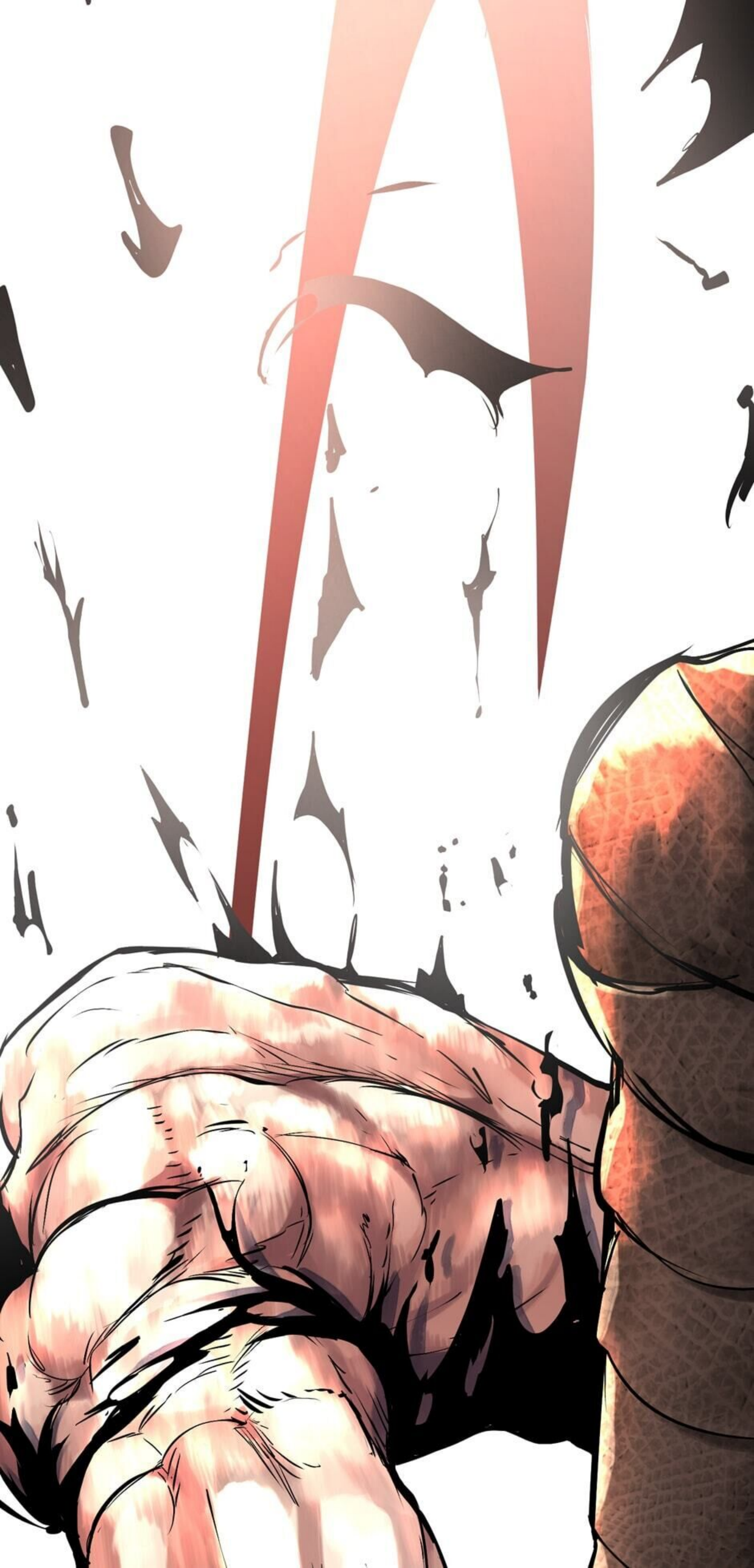
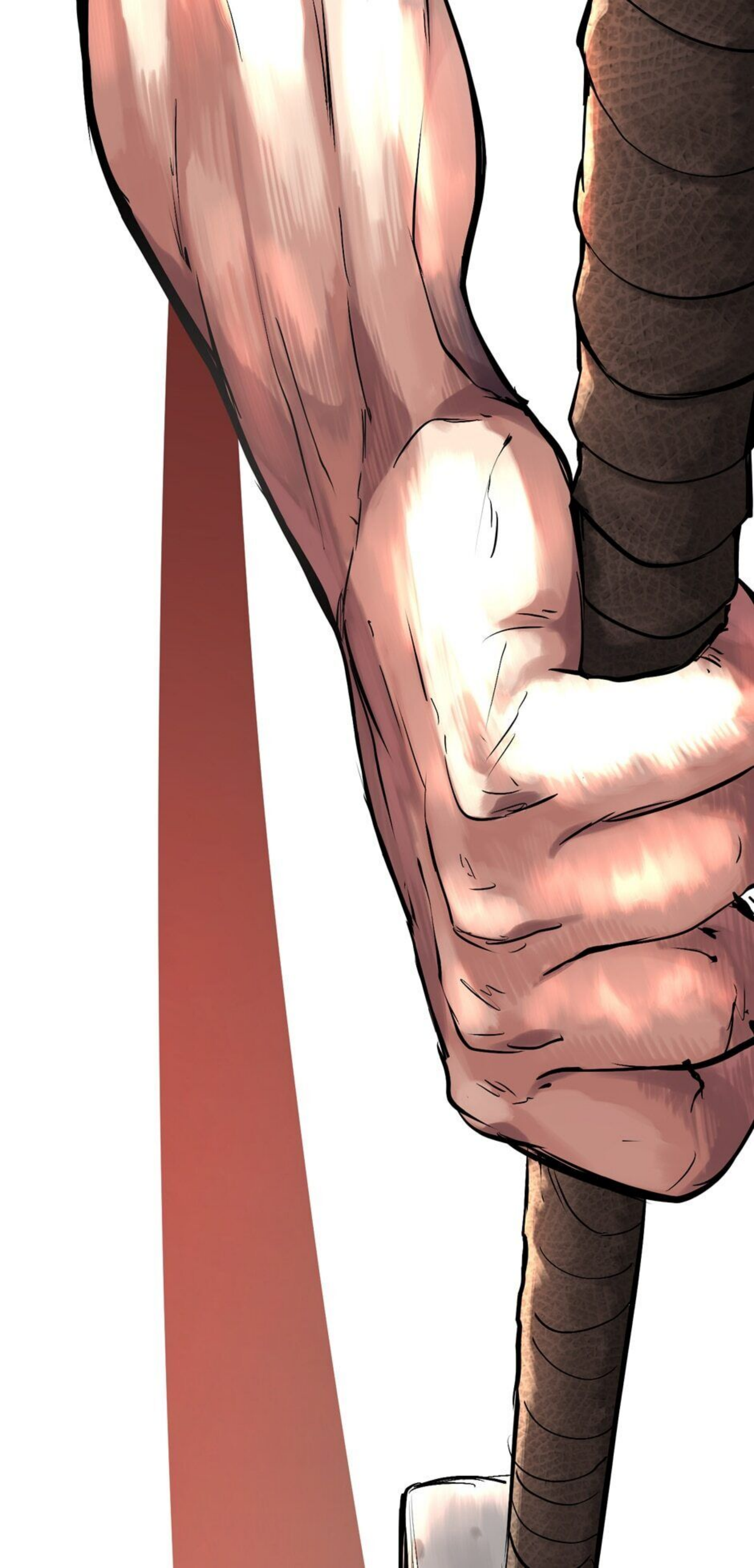
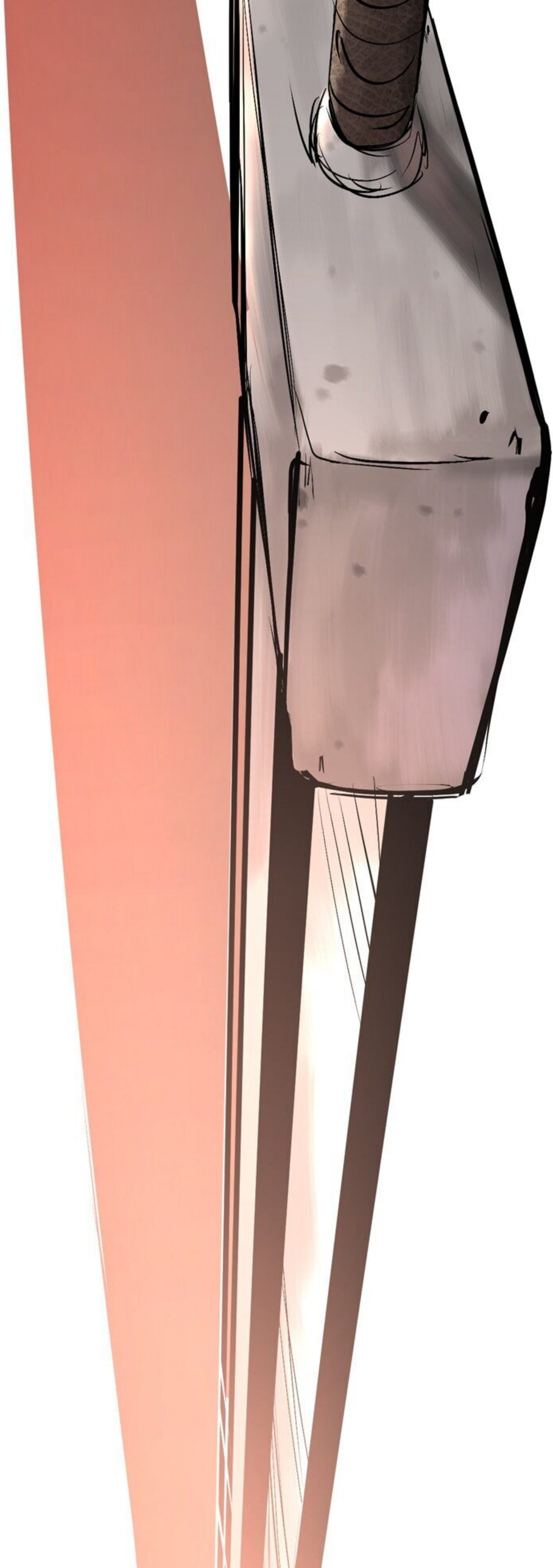






CRACK

SLICE

千尋
BOOM

THUD

FWIPWIPWIPWIP

BOO

CRACK
E-ERI...
THE ICE THAT BARELY CRACKED WHEN I SACRIFICED MY OWN BODY TO BLOW IT UP...

OH MAN...
I'M A BIT OUT
OF PRACTICE.

I HOPE NO ONE SAW THAT.

THUD
THUD
HE DESTROYED IT WITH JUST ONE SWING?
AND THE LICH WHO DIDN'T GET A SCRATCH ON HIM WHEN I, A DRAGON, ATTACKED HIM!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS...?!
I CLEARLY SAW YOUR LEVEL GET MEASURED BACK IN TOWN!

ERIC, YOUR LEVEL IS...!

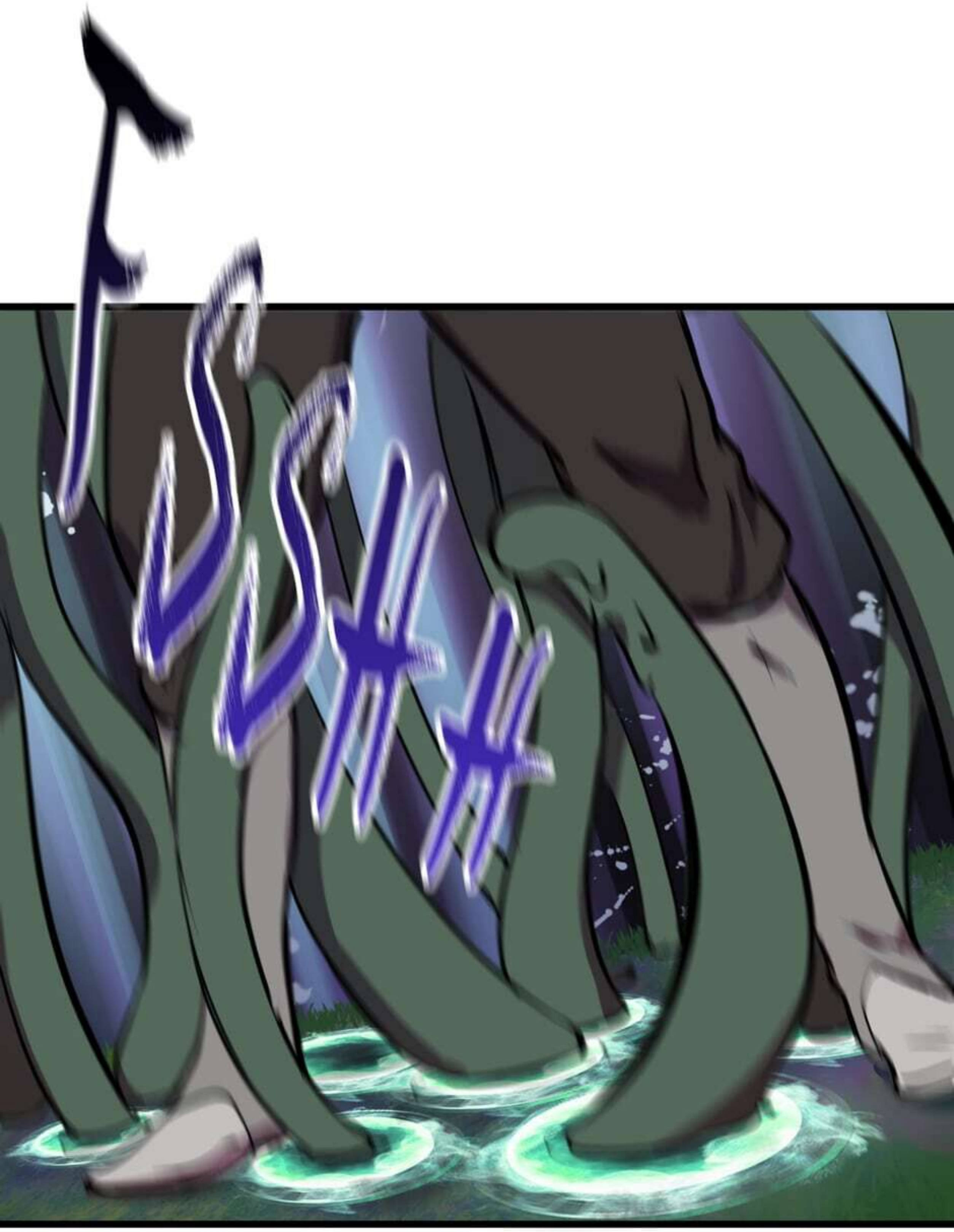
THAT... HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN THIS... IT'S KIND OF A LONG STORY...

ANYWAY, WE BOTH DISGUISED WHO WE REALLY ARE,

SO DON'T GET ANGRY, OKAY?
DISGUISED YOURSELF?!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THERE'S SOME SORT OF MAGIC THAT CAN TRICK THE MEASURING STONE?!

THAT'S NOT IT...

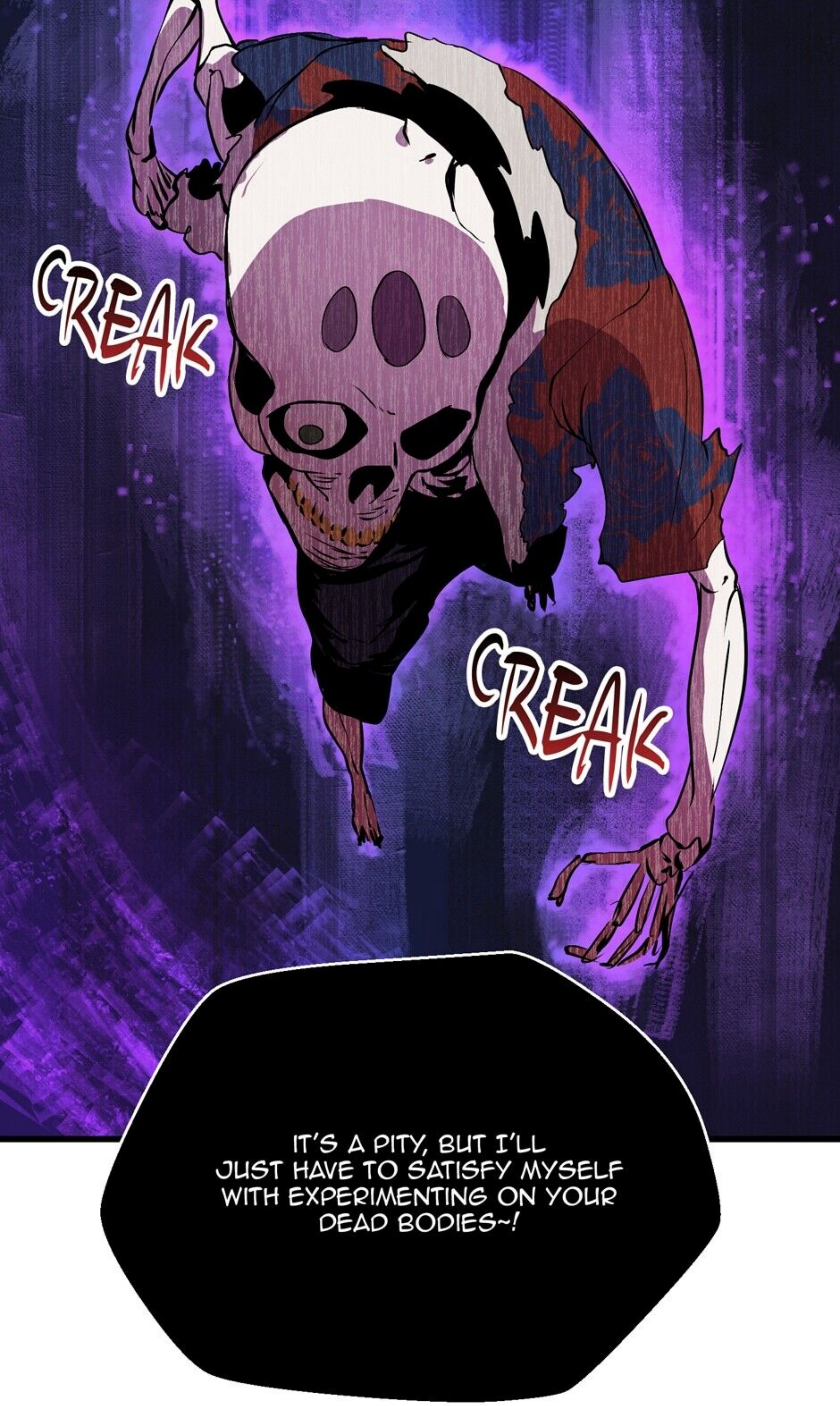
GEHENNA'S
ENTANGLEMENT.

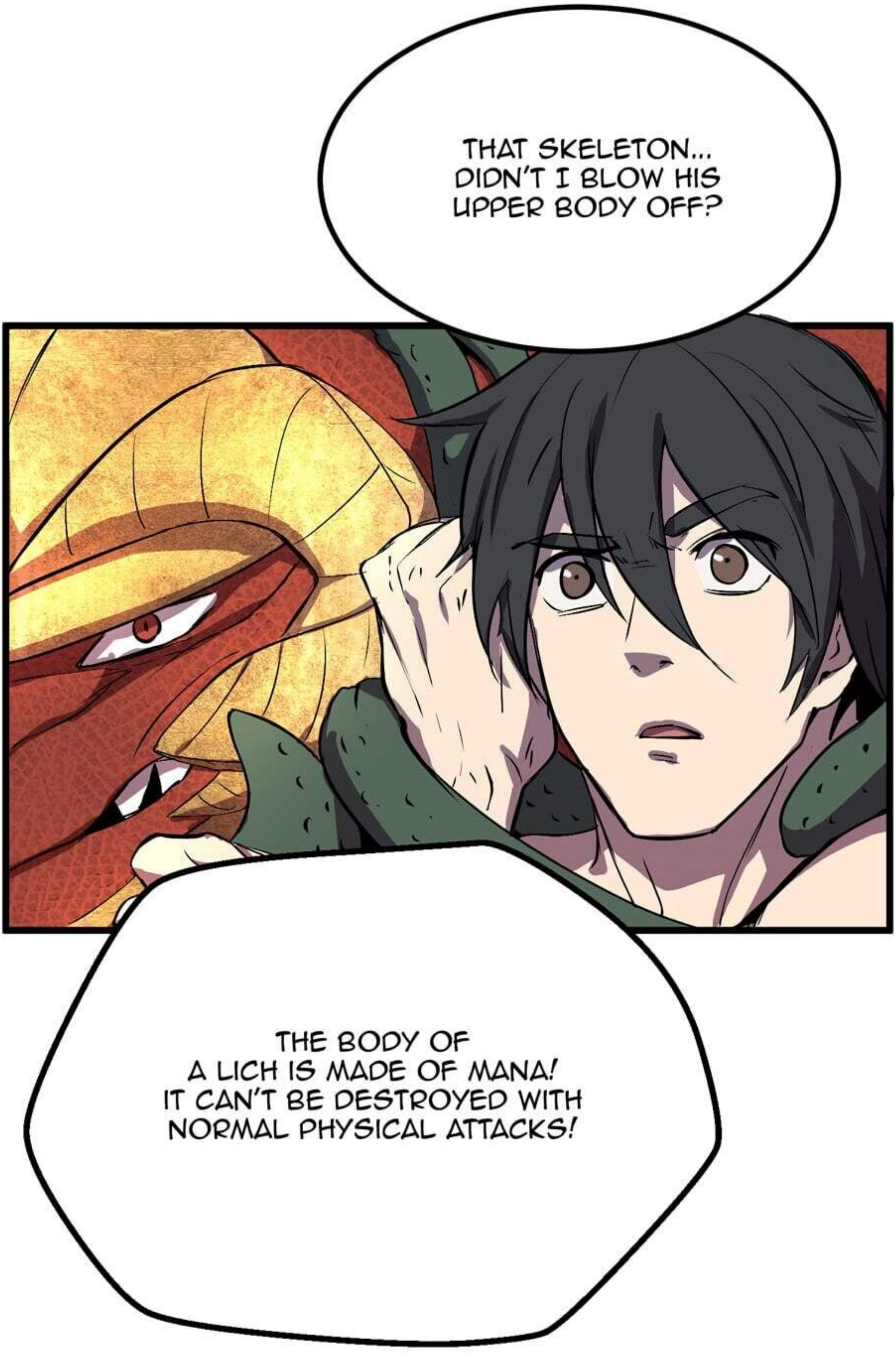


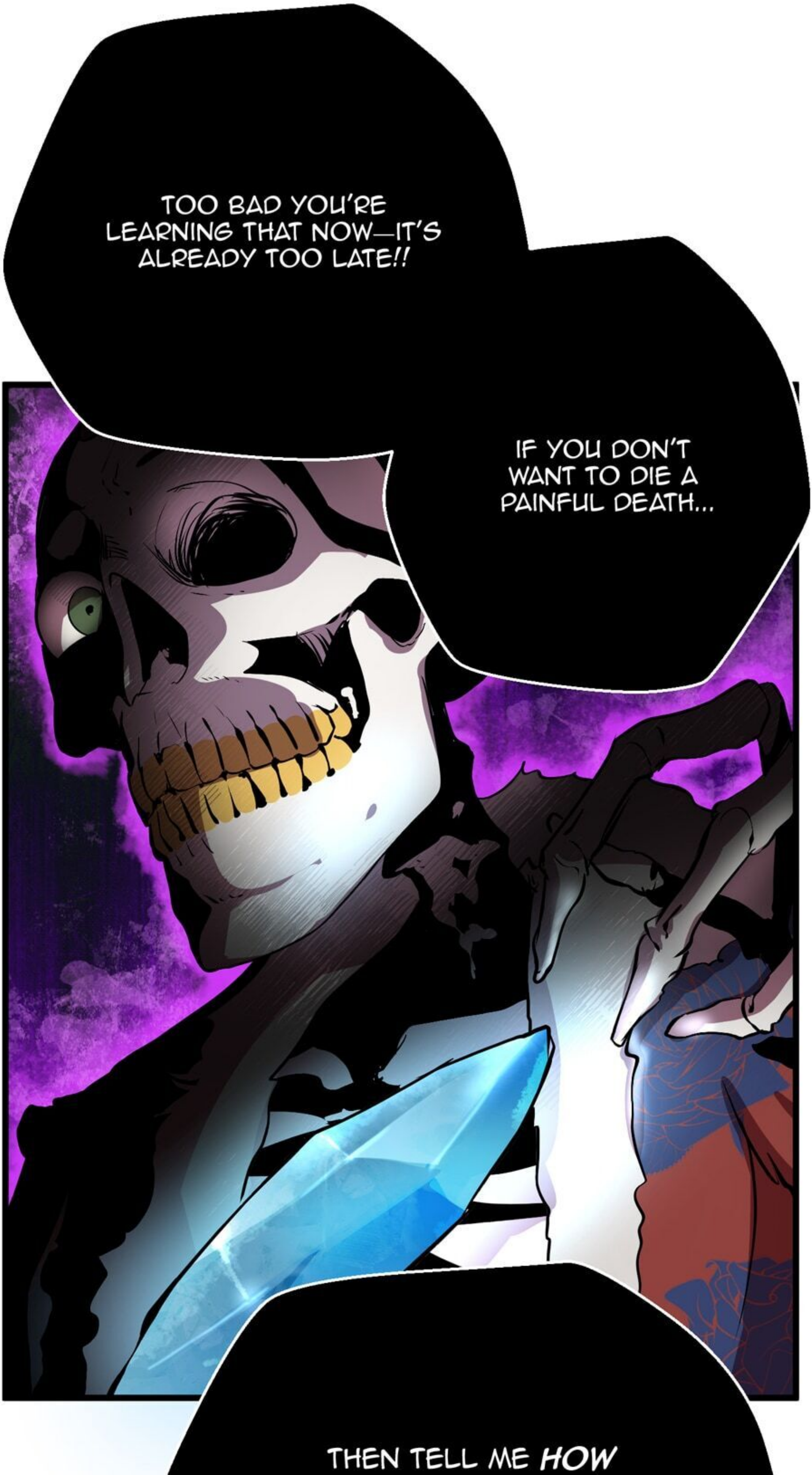
URK...! IS THIS SUMMONING MAGIC?!
SHWIP
SHWIP
HUH? WHAT ARE THESE GROSS TENTACLES...?!

I DIDN'T EXPECT FOR IT TO COME TO WHERE I NEEDED TO USE THIS EITHER.
THUD

THESE TENTACLES FEED OFF THE LIFE FORCE AND ENERGY OF THEIR PREY. AS THEY FEED, THEY GET STRONGER,
AND THEY ONLY LET GO OF THEIR PREY ONCE ITS DEAD...
EVEN IF THEIR MASTER ORDERS THEM TO STOP, THEY WON'T LISTEN.

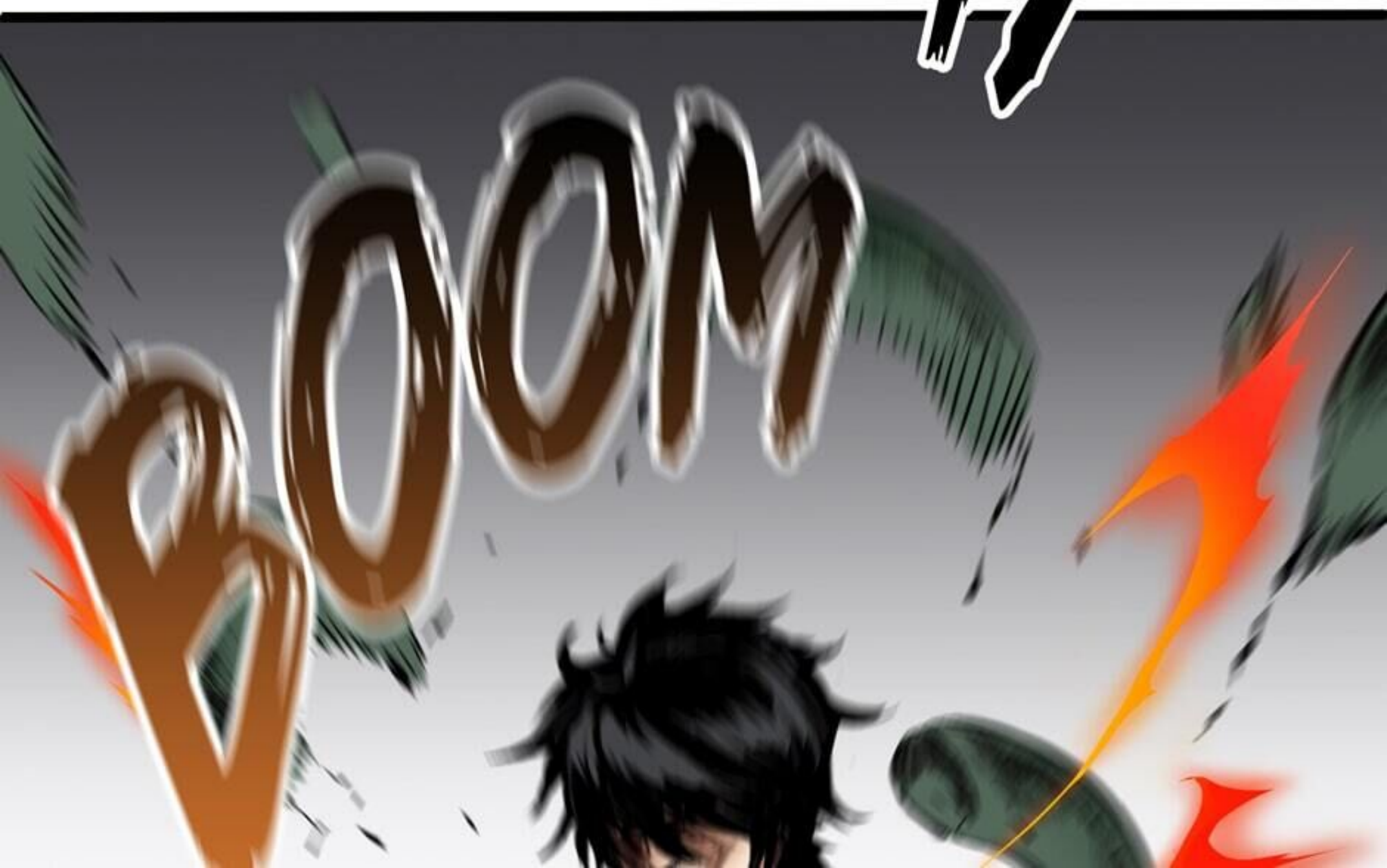

CREAK
CREAK
IT'S A PITY, BUT I'LL JUST HAVE TO SATISFY MYSELF WITH EXPERIMENTING ON YOUR DEAD BODIES~!

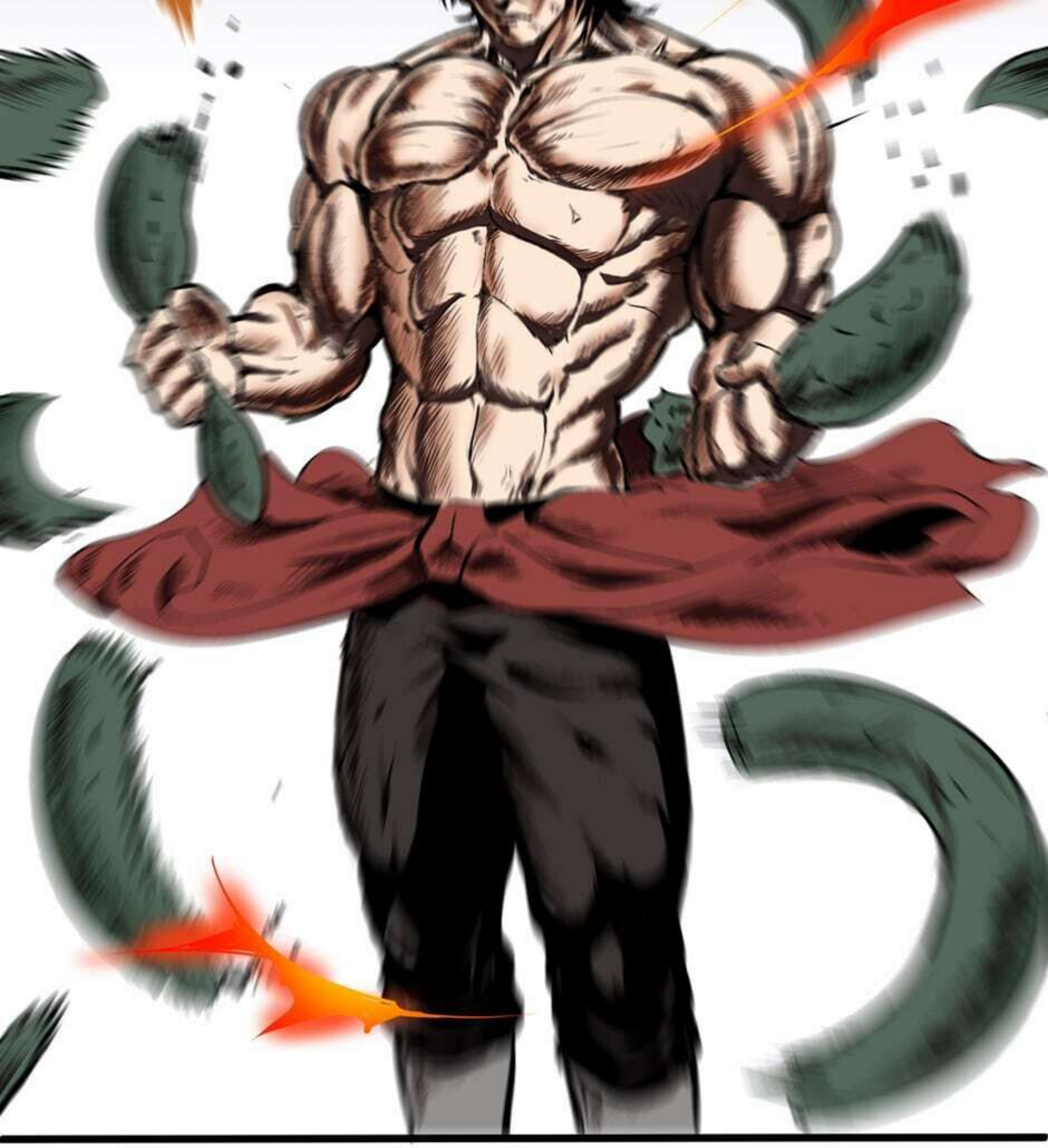

THAT SKELETON... DIDN'T I BLOW HIS UPPER BODY OFF?
THE BODY OF A LICH IS MADE OF MANA! IT CAN'T BE DESTROYED WITH NORMAL PHYSICAL ATTACKS!


TOO BAD YOU'RE LEARNING THAT NOW—IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE!!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE A PAINFUL DEATH...
THEN TELL ME *HOW*

YOU WERE ABLE TO DISGUISE YOURSELF AS A LEVEL 5...!

BRRRAP





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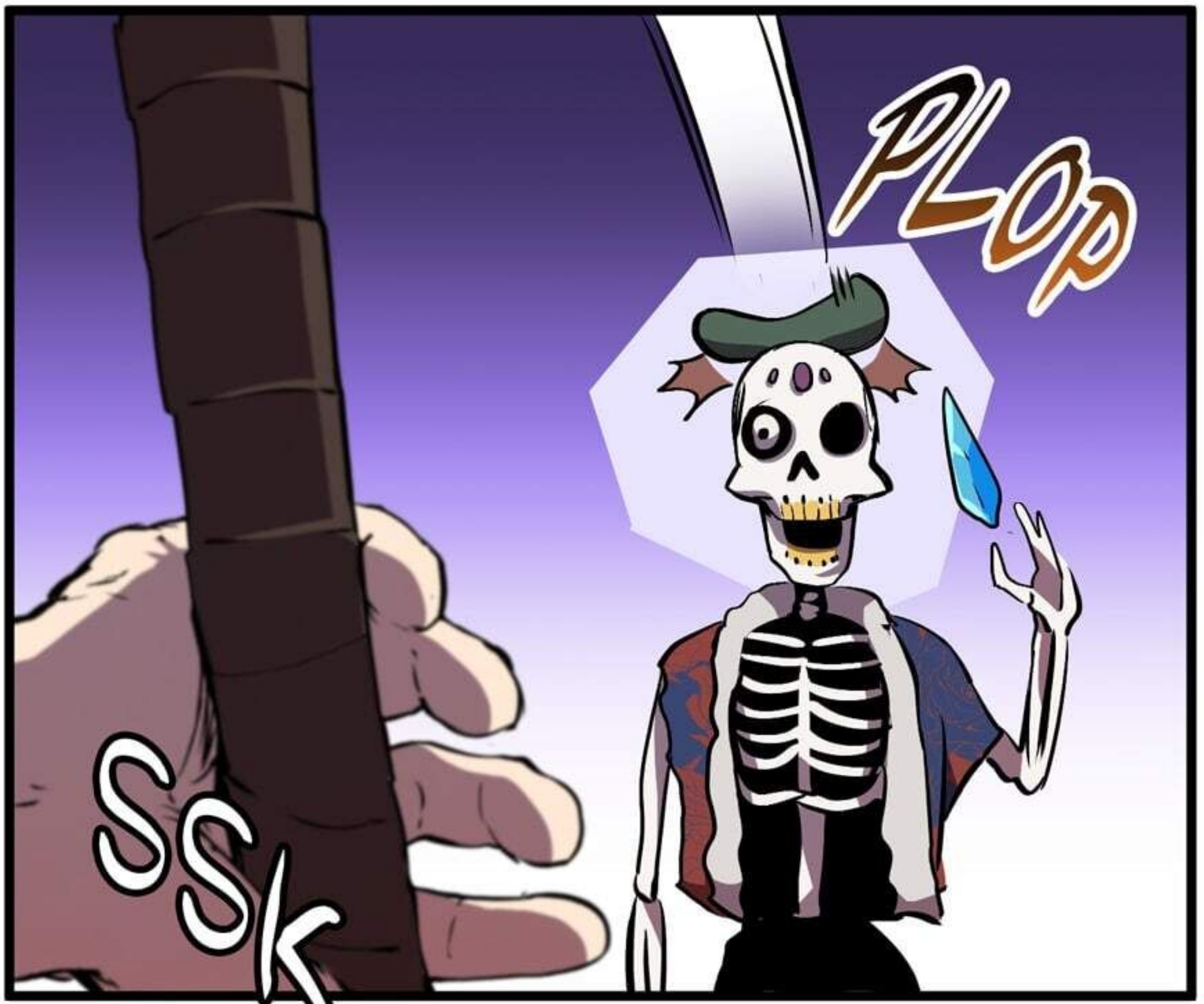
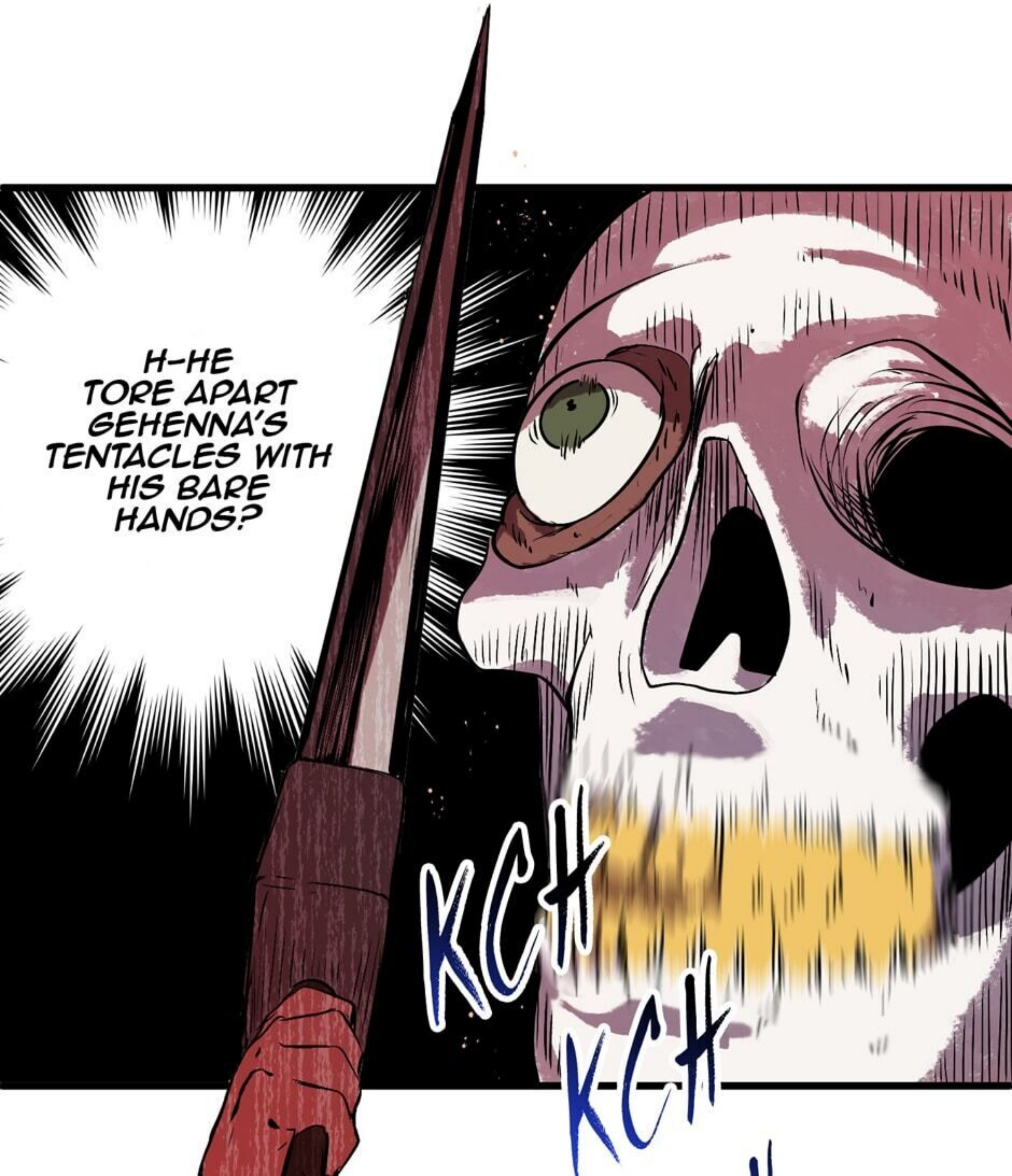


UGH,
FUCKING GROSS.


H-HE TORE APART GEHENNA'S TENTACLES WITH HIS BARE HANDS?
KCH
KCH

KCH
KCHK
HEY, SKELETON.
LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING.

NEITHER ARTIS
NOR I EVER SAID ANYTHING
ABOUT MY LEVEL,

SO HOW DO
YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?

RED DOG

CULTURE HOUSE